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PATENT APPLICATION
Docket No.: 11502/15:1 US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Blatter et al.

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For: LOCKING COMPRESSION PLATE
ANASTOMOSIS APPARATUS

Examiner: Michael G. Mendoza

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1535Art Unit
3731AMENDMENT AND RESPONSEMail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated November 24, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of the pending claims in view of the remarks herein. Additionally, please contact Applicant's undersigned attorney in the event that any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of this application is found, which could be clarified by a telephonic interview, or which is susceptible to being overcome by means of an Examiner's Amendment.

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